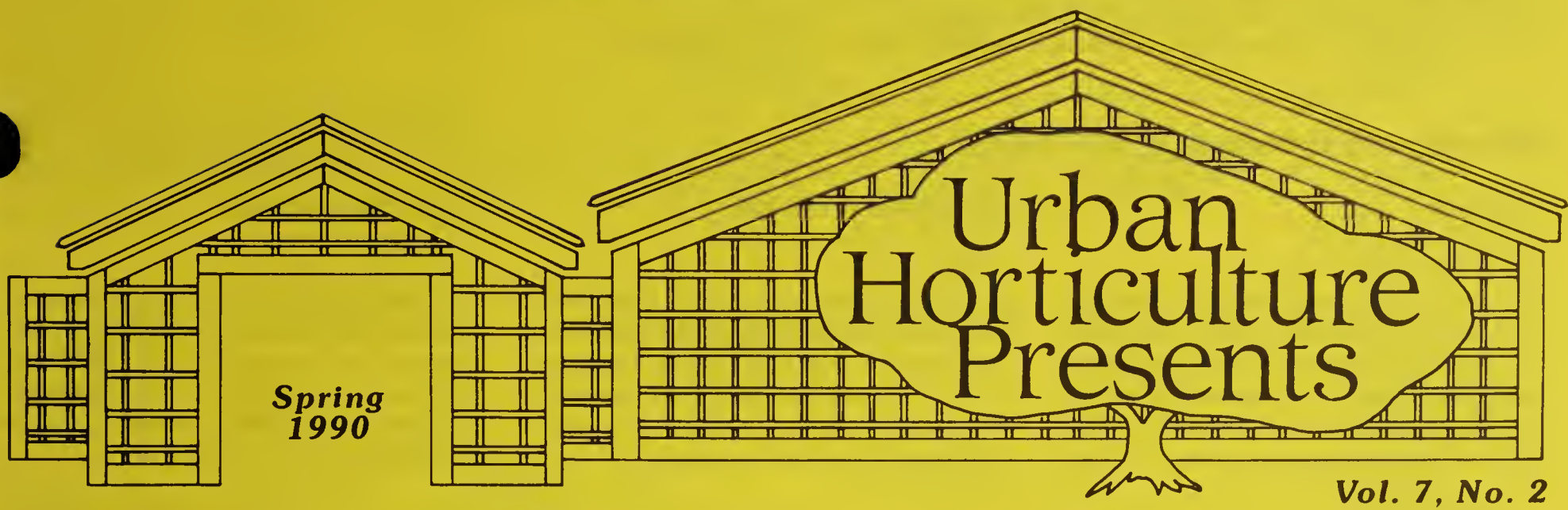

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CENTER NEWS

Thoughts, Smiles, and Spring

An old saying goes "Be careful of your thoughts, they might blossom into words." I couldn't help but think of this as I was reviewing all the events which needed to go into this edition of the newsletter. Indeed, lots of gardening thoughts are springing into action in shows, lectures, tours, plant sales, and other special events. As I write this, already the cyclamen are poking their heads skyward, meaning the full flush of spring color isn't far behind. To select another saying, I'll conclude with "The world looks brighter from behind a smile." And to me, spring means smiles.

John A. Wott
Associate Director and Professor of Urban Horticulture

Coordinator Chosen

We are happy to announce that Mr. David Stockdale, presently from Austin, Texas, has been chosen as the new Coordinator of Continuing Education, starting March 1st. David has a B.S. in horticulture from Purdue University and a M.S. in plant science from the University of Houston. He has 5 years of extension experience, followed by retail and plant production management. Presently, he is an assistant manager/horticultural therapist in a rehabilitation center. He will assume coordination of all ProHort activities, public lectures, arboretum/urban horticulture courses, and special programs. We welcome David. And a big 'thank you' to Eric Nelson for temporarily coordinating activities.

AABGA Meeting Here

The Center for Urban Horticulture and Washington Park Arboretum have been chosen to host the 1990 annual meeting of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta June 24–30, 1990. The week-long meeting will include three days of campus presentations and formal programs, study trips, tours of local gardens, and several social events. We are expecting 500 participants from throughout North America. It should be an exciting week, and a wonderful opportunity for us to show off our region of the country, and highlight our facilities and people. For more information, call us.

American Horticultural Society

Seattle also has been chosen as the site for the American Horticultural Society's 1990 meeting. The group will be visiting the Center for Urban Horticulture and Washington Park Arboretum on June 21–22. For more details, call the Northwest Horticultural Society office at 527–1794.

Mulligan Sorbus Collection Dedication

Mark your calendars now for the Brian O Mulligan Sorbus Collection Dedication in the Washington Park Arboretum on June 20, 1990. If you have been watching, many large trees and shrubs have been moved throughout this area, and it will be completely redesigned. The program is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m., preceding the Arboretum Foundation Annual Meeting. This project is being funded, in a large part, by the Arboretum Foundation. The collection is being named in honor of the Director Emeritus.

Arbor Fest 1990

For the second year, the City of Seattle and the Center will coordinate events for a week-long celebration of Arbor Day Events. "Polishing the Emerald Crown" will begin with public programs in the Washington Park Arboretum on Sunday, April 8. Demonstrations, exhibits, and tours will be offered throughout the afternoon to celebrate TREES. On Monday evening a special tree program will be held at the Graham Visitors Center. The professional ProHort series on Tuesday morning will feature pruning and tree care. The Wednesday, April 11 lecture will feature "Urban Trees" and the Friday night lecture features "Big Trees." On Thursday, April 12, 200 area high school youth will participate in the annual landscape contest, jointly sponsored by the Washington Associated Landscape Professionals. Other special programs are being planned and Arbor Day resource packets are available for schools and youth groups. For details, call either of our offices.

Arboretum Foundation Plant Sale

Bigger and Better . . . that describes the 1990 Arboretum Foundation Spring Plant Sale! This year the sale will be held at Magnuson Park, just behind the Naval Air Station, off Sand Point Way N.E. Public hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 28. For the first time, Arboretum Foundation members will have the opportunity to shop from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on April 27th. (Sounds like a great reason to become a member!) Several new departments will be featured...among them hostas and peonies. For details call, 325–4510.

PUBLIC HORTICULTURE LECTURE SERIES

One hour lectures on a wide range of horticultural topics.
A $2.00 donation is requested for all lectures held at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Plants and Gardens of the World

Third Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.
at the Center for Urban Horticulture

Sweden

April 16

Dr. John A. Wott takes us along on a horticulturist's tour of Sweden, visiting Rotneros in the province of Varmland, the largest private (now public) garden in Sweden; the Linnean garden of Uppsala, and wonderful Stockholm. Visit Scandanavia at its summer best.

Mount Saint Helens

May 21

Dr. Tom Hinckley reviews the fall and rise of the vegetation on the slopes of the mountain following the eruptions of 1480, 1800, and 1980. A rare opportunity to learn from a scientist who has insight into the vast changes occurring now on the mountain.

Flora Down-Under

June 18

Sheila Walters takes us on a tour of the flora of Australia. See some familiar plants in new settings, and many unfamiliar ones with promise for gardeners in the Northwest. We will travel from the tropics of Queensland to the deserts of Northern Australia.

The Plant Enthusiast

Second Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m.,
at the Center for Urban Horticulture

Choosing the Right Urban Tree

April 11

Sue Ann Funk recently completed study of useful urban street trees. She has authored the Urban Forestry Notebook for municipal arborists and planners, destined to be used as a guide throughout the Northwest. This presentation will help you choose the right tree for the urban environment.

Rock Garden plants and design

May 9

Leannette Bassetti, owner of Bassetti's Crooked Arbor Gardens and member of the Specialty Nursery Association, introduces some favorite plants and plans for the rock garden. Almost any Northwest garden has a place for these special plants.

Bamboo, the Giant Grass

June 13

Daphne Lewis, garden designer and founder of the Bamboo Brokerage bamboo nursery, illustrates many varieties and landscape uses of bamboo. She will discuss the culture and control of this elegant plant. Here's your opportunity to learn more about the bamboos, great and small!

The Master Gardener

Second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m.,
at the Center for Urban Horticulture

Practical gardening information presented by the Washington State University Master Gardeners.

The Big Trees of Washington

April 13

Robert Van Pelt will describe the Washington State Big Tree program, under which the largest specimens of each species found in our state are recorded. He will take us on a photo tour of the biggest of the trees of Washington.

Planning and Planting the Herb Garden

May 11

Elaine Keehn illustrates herb garden designs and plants, from the traditional to the avant garde. The lecture will provide practical information to help you add herbs to your landscape. Special attention will be given to drought-tolerant planting.

Vegetables in the Cool Seasons

June 8

Dick Grant reviews vegetable varieties and techniques for the preparation of the fall and winter vegetable garden. Summer plantings can keep fresh produce in the kitchen through the cold seasons, but you must start in time!

Brown-Bag Garden Talks

First and third Wednesdays of each month, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m.
Usually held at the HUB, room 304F, University of Washington. FREE.

The Big House

April 4

Doug Ewing assures us that his meat-eating plants do not eat visitors, but will not make the same guarantee for the orchids as we tour the Botany Greenhouse.
→ MEET at the Botany Greenhouse

Campus Ethnobotany Walk

May 2

Susan Masta and Patricia Otto collaborate to lead this tour featuring an unusual perspective. Learn of the historic, medicinal, and folk uses of campus plants.
→ MEET at the Medicinal Herb Garden.

Cactus and Succulents

June 6

Paul Beeman leads a tour of the splendid collections of cacti and succulents at the Botany Greenhouse.
→ MEET at the Botany Greenhouse.

Seattle's Olmsted Park Legacy

April 18

Eliza Davidson reviews the history of the Olmsted park designs and discusses the future of these historic parks.

Building your Garden Library

May 16

Laura Lipton, librarian at the Elisabeth Miller Library, outlines the essential books for a garden library and shows what's new for the bibliophile.

A Campus Bush Walk

June 20

Sarah Reichard will lead this unusual tour exotic and native shrubs on the campus.
→ MEET on the steps of Denny Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 1990

10 a.m.–5 p.m. CUH 1 Early Rhododendron Show & Sale **Noon–4 p.m. WPA** Master Gardener Clinic **1 p.m. WPA** Sundays at One Tour	**7:30 p.m.** 2 Iris Society	3	**12:10 p.m. HUB** 4 Brown Bag Lecture The Big House **7:30 p.m. CUH** Rhododendron Society	**7:30 p.m. CUH*** 5 N.H.S. Lecture Robert Heapes	6	**9 a.m. CUH*** 7 Perennial Garden Maintenance **9 a.m. CUH*** Beginning Bonsai
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CUH = Center for Urban Horticulture WPA = Washington Park Arboretum HUB = Husky Union Building * = Fee

URBAN HORTICULTURE COURSES

Perennial Garden Maintenance

April is a good time of the year to start or revitalize a perennial garden. In this lecture/workshop, you will learn how perennials grow, as well as some basic techniques for maintaining a perennial garden—site preparation, planting, mulching, dividing, pruning, staking, and year-round scheduling of garden tasks.

INSTRUCTOR: Lynda Ransley
DATE: Saturday, April 7, 9 a.m. to noon
FEE: $15

Beginning Bonsai

One of our most popular classes, the introductory bonsai class reviews the basic techniques, as well as the aesthetics, of this ancient Japanese art form. You will be able to create your own bonsai. A field trip and five workshop sessions are included.

INSTRUCTOR: Leo Cunningham
DATES: Saturdays, April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 9 to 11 a.m.
FEE: $48

Plant Recognition: Flowering Trees and Shrubs

Explore the wide variety of spring-flowering trees and shrubs grown in Northwest gardens. This popular course will examine groups such as magnolias and dogwoods, highlighting their ornamental and landscape characteristics. The instructor teaches plant materials at Edmonds Community College.

INSTRUCTOR: Dan Hinkley
DATES: Saturdays, April 14 and 21, 9 a.m. to noon
FEE: $20

Spring Wildflower Tour

Deception Pass is spectacular for its steep cliffs and turbulent waters. Its situation in the rain shadow of the Olympic Mountains results in an unusual dryland flora. Explore with us this dramatic area during its flowering season, and, en route, enjoy the colorful Skagit Valley.

Bring a lunch and wear comfortable walking shoes.

TOUR GUIDES: Jan Pirzio-Biroli and Sue Ann Funk
DATE: Tuesday, April 24, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
FEE: $38

Japanese Gardens Tour

The influence of Japanese cultural is evident throughout Seattle, especially in gardens. Join us for a day trip to look at two of Seattle's finest.

The Japanese Garden, in the Washington Park Arboretum, is a treasure of beauty and serenity. Enjoy a "behind the scenes" tour with the garden horticulturist.

After a stop in the International District's Kobe Park for lunch, we will visit the Kubota Gardens. Started decades ago, an inner-city island of Japanese tranquility has been created. The garden horticulturist will be our guide.

Bring a lunch and wear comfortable walking shoes.

TOUR GUIDES: Garden Guides
DATE: Thursday, April 26, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
FEE: $20

Plant Photography

Have you ever wished you could take home the beauty of springtime in the Washington Park Arboretum? Why not capture it on film? In this class, you will learn how to photograph plants and flowers. The class includes a lecture, field session, and follow-up critique.

INSTRUCTOR: John Bolivar
DATES: Wednesday, May 2, 7 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, May 6, 1 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, May 9, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $33

The Flowers of Spring For Ages 8 to 12

Attention parents! Expose your children to the wonder of nature in this easy and creative class. Participants will learn about flowers and will make a beautiful dried floral picture—a perfect gift for Mother's Day.

INSTRUCTOR: Sharon Buck
DATE: Saturday, May 5, 9 to 11 a.m.
FEE: $12

New Combinations for Hanging Baskets

Wonder what's new this season? Want the latest in colors and style for your baskets? Here's the class to answer your questions! Take home two baskets—one for sun and one for shade—and all the information needed to keep them in bloom.

INSTRUCTOR: Sharon Buck
DATE: Thursday, May 10, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
FEE: $28

Bird Life of Foster Island

Foster Island in the Washington Park Arboretum is an area of diverse habitats appealing to a variety of birds and plant communities. On a morning walk through this area, enjoy a closer look at these habitats and learn about the birds which use them. The instructor is a guide with the Audubon Society.

TOUR GUIDE: Jerry Adams
DATE: Saturday, May 12, 8 a.m. to noon
FEE: $15

REGISTRATION FORM

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			$

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John A. Wott, Associate Director and Professor
Lynda Ransley, coordinator (WPA)
David Stockdale, coordinator
Rebecca Johnson, building services coordinator
Eric Nelson, coordinator (temporary)
Karen Abelsen, program assistant (temporary)
Scot Medbury, graduate assistant
Sue Ann Funk, graduate assistant

Colorful, Easy Perennials for All-Season

Perennials are a popular addition to any garden. Careful selection will enable your garden to have color in all seasons. This illustrated discussion will help you select easy-to-grow varieties.

INSTRUCTOR: Todd Paul
DATE: Thursday, May 17, 7 to 9 p.m.
FEE: $12

Lakewold & Pacific Bonsai Collection Tour

Lakewold, "where the blue poppy grows" achieves that priceless blend of fine design and unusual plants that distinguishes a great garden.

The Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection, opened in 1989 by the Weyerhaeuser Company, contains more than 50 select trees. It is the largest private bonsai collection on the west coast open to the public and among the most extensive in the world.

Bring a lunch, wear comfortable walking shoes, and join us in a visit of two of Puget Sound's garden jewels.

TOUR GUIDES: Garden guides
DATE: Thursday, May 24, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
FEE: $38

Urban Forestry Forum

On January 16, 1990, 150 participants attended an Urban Forestry Forum, sponsored by the Center. This completed a graduate project of Ms. Sue Ann Funk, which had been supported by funds from the Department of Natural Resources, Puget Power, and the Center. During the day, the Urban Forestry Notebook, listing 60 recommended trees along with discussions on care and maintenance, was distributed to employees of private industry, municipalities, and governmental agencies from throughout the Puget Sound.

Davey Tree Expert Company, the oldest and largest tree care company in America, sponsored the day's forum, "The Value of Our Urban Forests." Attendees included Brian Boyle, D.N.R.; David Thorud, Dean of the College of Forest Resources; and several representatives of the Davey Tree Company. Davey Tree, with local offices in Seattle, plans on continuing its support through future gifts, sponsorships, and educational internships. We are extremely grateful for the participation of all these companies and agencies and look forward to developing new relationships.

NEW IN THE WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

A comprehensive plant records project has been under way in the Arboretum for nearly two years, and it is now coming to fruition.

1. *Computerization of All Plant Records*

Jan Pirzio-Biroli and three volunteers—Eileen MacDonald, Pat Killingsworth, and Karen Panek—have computerized the accession records of all the plants in the Arboretum. There is now a permanent, accessible "electronic" record of each plant, its location, its source and date of planting, and the verification of its identification. In the future, the computer program has the capability of storing and (coordinating) many other types of information useful for collection management.

2. *Mapping and Inventory*

Since last year, a group of mappers has been working throughout the Arboretum. They have completed a total inventory of all collections in the Arboretum based upon a grid layout on 100 foot centers. For the first time, Arboretum staff have a standardized system for mapping and conducting inventories of the collection. This is also the first, complete inventory of the Arboretum.

The Arboretum will be employing a unique and original application of computer software for this project known as a Geographic Information System, or G.I.S. The G.I.S. system will manage the geographic data in conjunction with our plant records data to produce detailed and/or analytical maps of Arboretum features.

The electronic future is upon us!

Elisabeth C. Miller Library News

The library has moved into its new space! Construction and renovation are completed, with 4400 sq. ft. of new and improved horticultural library space. Take time this spring to come in and see the new entrance, foyer, reading room, and special collections space. There is more than twice as much shelf space available to house books and journals including brand new titles such as *Alba, The Book of White Flowers,* by Deni Brown, the beautiful *Magnolias* by James Gardiner, and the new book, *Ornamental Grasses: The Amber Wave,* by Carole Ottesen (the author of *The New American Garden*).

Hours this spring are:
Monday (through June 4th, excluding University holidays): 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NHS News

The 1990 Fern Festival, sponsored by the Northwest Horticultural Society, will be held May 31, June 1-2. It will include a lecture, garden tour and plant sale. Events scheduled are:

May 31	Lecture—7:30 p.m.
June 1	Garden Tour–10 a.m. to noon
	Plant Sale—1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
June 2	Plant Sale–10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For details, call 527–1794.

Noted Historian/ Photographer to Speak

"In the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark," a lecture by Robert E. Heapes, will be held Thursday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. Heapes, a Lewis and Clark scholar, is a noted photographer, historian and lecturer. His work has been widely published and he has lectured throughout the United States. He is also an avid rock gardener and, among other activities, is currently a volunteer naturalist at Roxborough State Park in Colorado.

Sponsored by the Northwest Horticultural Society, the lecture is open to the public. Fees: $4.00 (members); $5.00 (others); $2.50 (students).

Further information, contact 527–1794.

NHS Big Rock Nursery Tour

The Big Rock Garden Nursery and Gardens of Art Gallery, Bellingham, will be toured on May 10, 1990. The nursery, originally opened to provide experiences for handicapped youth, is now known for plants of Asian origin as well as shade garden plants.

Gardens of Art, a gallery of fine art by a number of local and international artists, shares space with Big Rock Garden Nursery over a 2½ acre space.

Sponsored by the Northwest Horticultural Society, call 527–1794 for more information.

Flower Shows Galore

Special flower shows and sales not mentioned elsewhere include:

Early Rhododendron Show and Sale, March 31 and April 1
Washington State Chapter, American Primrose Society Show and Sale, April 14
King County Master Gardener Foundation Plant Sale April 21 and 22
African Violet Show and Sale April 28 and 29
Puget Sound Bonsai Association Show and Sale, May 12 and 13

Check the calendar for details or call 545–8033.

WASHINGTON PARK ARBORETUM

Spring is a time of rebirth, renewed growth, and celebration for our dormant senses. This is the Arboretum's most popular season, when rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias, cherries, dogwoods, crabapples, viburnums, and numerous other plants put on their breathtaking spring display.

From subtle shades of delicate individual flowers to bright masses of color, diverse plant collections provide a variety of spring interest. As spring progresses, the Arboretum's appearance changes almost daily. During this special season, you deserve to make many visits.

Japanese Garden Anniversary

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the opening of the Japanese Garden. Special programs are being planned by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Japanese Garden Society throughout the week of June 2–8.

TOURS

For an in-depth look at the Arboretum in spring, join one of our free public tours. Tours leave from the Graham Visitors Center, and no registration is necessary.

Sunday at One

Every Sunday at 1 p.m., Arboretum guides lead tours highlighting plants of seasonal interest.

Explorer's Walks

For plant enthusiasts, an "Explorers' Walk" is offered the fourth Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Group Tours

Special guided tours of the Arboretum can be scheduled. Tours for school classes, garden clubs, and other interested groups can be arranged with three weeks' advance notice. Call 543–8800 for further information.

Graham Visitors Center

The Graham Visitors Center is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from noo to 4 p.m. on weekends. Volunteers are o duty to answer your questions about the Arboretum and to help you plan your visit. The Arboretum Foundation's gift shop is filled with interesting items for sale. If you are interested in getting more involved at the Arboretum, call 543–8800 to find out about our exciting volunteer opportunities.

Master Gardeners

The Washington State University Master Gardeners will be at the Graham Visitors Center this spring, every Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. to answer your gardening questions.

Telephones
CUH—685–8033
9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. weekdays

WPA—543–8800
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. weekdays
Noon–4:00 p.m. weekends, holidays

Urban Horticulture Presents...

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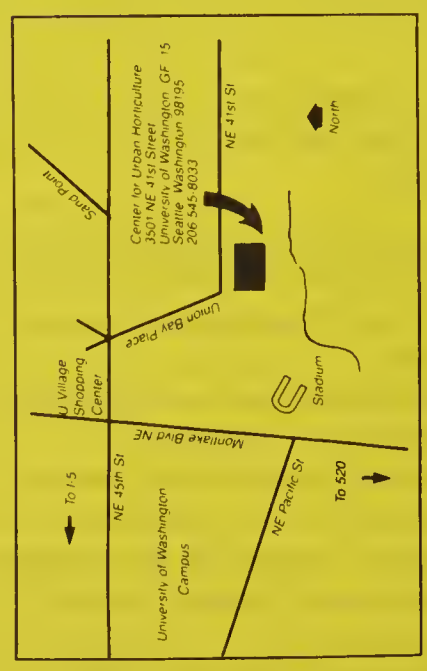

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